

**BOARD OF NURSE REGISTRATION AND NURSING EDUCATION  
MINUTES OF MEETING**

**January 8, 2007**

**Open Session**

**The Open Session of the Rhode Island Board of Nurse Registration and Nursing Education was called to order at 8:10 on the above date in Room 401, Department of Health, Three Capitol Hill, Providence, Rhode Island, pursuant to the applicable provisions of the Open Meetings Law, so called, and other applicable sections of the General Laws of the State of Rhode Island, as amended.**

**BOARD MEMBERS IN ATTENDANCE:**

**Katherine Lukas, RN,MS, CCRN**

**Genevieve Rodrigues, LPN**

**Sharon Smith, RN, MSN, President**

**Michael Gerhardt**

**Cristiana Rosa, PCNS, Vice President**

**Sandra Megerdichian, RN, MS**

**Jeannine Borozny, RN**

**Deborah G. Brown, RN, MSN**

**Kristen Kamm, LPN**

**Elizabeth Lamonde, RN**

**Lynn Curran, CRNA**

**Theresa Jeremiah, RN**

**BOARD MEMBERS NOT IN ATTENDANCE:**

**Ronita Appiah, RN**

**STAFF MEMBERS IN ATTENDANCE:**

**Pam McCue, RN, MS Director Nursing Registration and Nursing Education**

**Betsy James, RN Complaint Officer**

**OTHERS IN ATTENDANCE:**

**Tim Bigelow – Butler Hospital**

**Marilyn Walsh – Care New England**

**Michael Paruta – Women and Infants**

**Marilyn Asselin – Kent**

**Mary Dwyer – RISNA**

**Ruth Ricciarelli – HARI**

**Dayle Joseph – URI**

**Maureen E. McGarey – CCRI**

**Peggy Matteson**

**Margeret Hamilton**

**Frances A Bettencourt**

**Jane Williams, Rhode Island College**

**Marcia Bliss - HARI**

## **ESTABLISHMENT OF QUORUM**

**Ms. Smith called the meeting to order at 8:10 am. A quorum was established.**

## **PRESENTATION OF MINUTES OF OPEN SESSION OF December 11, 2006**

**On motion by Ms. Borozny, seconded by Ms. Rosa it was unanimously voted to accept the minutes.**

## **PRESIDENT'S REPORT**

**Ms. Smith distributed information throughout her hospital regarding on-line licensure.**

## **DIRECTOR, NURSE REGISTRATION AND NURSING EDUCATION REPORT**

**Report given by Pamela McCue, RN MS, Director, Nurse Registration and Nursing Education**

- 1422 Nurses were licensed in the calendar year 2006**
- Ms McCue welcomed the Deans from RI Schools of Nursing and other guests**
- Announced that Dr. Nancy Spector, RN, PhD, Director of Nursing Education, NCSBN, will present at the March 12th mtg of this Board. The topic of her presentation will be initiatives that other states are embarking on to address the nursing shortage and nursing faculty shortage**
- Refer to handouts concerning nursing faculty qualifications and**

## **“Transition of New Nurses from Education to Practice: A Regulatory Perspective”.**

### **NEW BUSINESS**

The Deans of all of the colleges/schools in Rhode Island that offer a nursing program were welcomed and wished to speak to the issue of nursing faculty qualifications. Dean McGarry discussed that the 5 schools of nursing meet frequently to address the faculty shortage and are exploring ideas and partnerships to address this. Dean McGarry stated she speaks on behalf of her colleagues that they do not support any ideas to change or lower the current regulation of a masters degree. Interim Dean Williams spoke of research conducted by the National Council of State Boards of Nursing in which she perceives concludes that competencies required of faculty are above the role of the BSN and require a Master's Degree. Dean Joseph informed the Board of a new model of clinical instruction being piloted at Miriam Hospital. Twelve students will each be paired with a BSN staff nurse preceptor with oversight by a MSN faculty member. Mr. Bigelow and Mr. Paruta expressed the difficulties from a human resource perspective that the hospitals need nurses to care for patients and there are just not enough to hire. They expressed how they and their human resource colleagues are anxious and willing to collaborate with our schools so that more students may obtain their education without delays. Interim Dean Williams also stated that at a recent meeting with the Hospital Nurse Executives, the idea was

supported by all to develop partnerships where MSN staff at a hospital could serve as faculty for the students. Interim Dean Williams expressed appreciation to the Board for inviting Nancy Spector, RN, PhD, Director of Education of the National Council of State Boards of Nursing to provide a national perspective on this issue. The discussion concluded with a general agreement among the Deans that nurses with a masters degree in another field would be an appropriate credential for a faculty member. .

Mike Simoli, Program Director of the on-line renewal process presented a demonstration on the renewal process. He informed the Board and the attendees that post cards will go out to all nurses whose licenses are expiring this March. The post cards will have information on how to renew their license on line. Mr. Simoli also described and demonstrated the workforce demographic survey developed to gather workforce data on nurses. This survey is optional and not a requirement for renewal of licensure.

## **ADJOURNMENT TO EXECUTIVE SESSION**

On motion of Ms. Lamonde and seconded by Ms. Rosa, it was unanimously voted to move into Executive Session pursuant to 42-46-4 and 42-46-5(1) of the Rhode Island General laws for discussion of job performance, character, physical or mental health of applicants for licensure and licensees and for discussion of investigatory proceedings relating to misconduct by applicants for

**licensure and licensees, and investigatory proceedings regarding allegations of civil or criminal misconduct. The Open Session adjourned at 10:06 am.**

### **RETURN TO OPEN SESSION**

**Ms. Smith called the Open Session back to Order at 12:45 pm.**

### **ADJOURNMENT TO EXECUTIVE SESSION**

**On motion of Ms. Lamonde and seconded by Ms. Leasca, it was unanimously voted to move into Executive Session pursuant to 42-46-4 and 42-46-5(1) of the Rhode Island General laws for discussion of job performance, character, physical or mental health of applicants for licensure and licensees and for discussion of investigatory proceedings relating to misconduct by applicants for licensure and licensees, and investigatory proceedings regarding allegations of civil or criminal misconduct.**

### **RETURN TO OPEN SESSION**

**Ms. Smith called the Open Session back to Order at 12:47 pm.**

### **VOTE TO SEAL MINUTES OF EXECUTIVE SESSION PURSUANT TO SECTIONS 42-46-5 OF THE RHODE ISLAND GENERAL LAWS**

**On motion of Ms. Jeremiah, seconded by Ms. Lukas, it was unanimously voted to keep confidential all matters discussed in the**

**Executive Session and to seal those minutes in as much as fitness for licensure and ongoing disciplinary matters were addressed.**

## **PRESENTATION OF FINAL ACTIONS**

**The Board voted to the following actions in Executive Session at today's meeting:**

**RN06-031 Kathleen Nagel- Board Order Suspension**

**RN06-104 Pamela Diehl- Reprimand**

**PN06-093 Joyce Capece- Reinstatement w/Probation (1yr)**

**RN05-065 Michael Rossi –Voluntary Surrender**

**RN05-135 Kristen Moffat- Voluntary Surrender**

**RN06-109 Dawn Fisante- Voluntary Surrender**

**RN06-103 No Unprofessional Conduct**

**PN06-099 No Unprofessional Conduct**

**RN06-092 No Unprofessional Conduct**

**RN06-093 No Unprofessional Conduct**

**RN06-038 No Unprofessional Conduct**

## **ADJOURNMENT**

**On motion of Ms. Lamonde, seconded by Ms Borozny, it was unanimously voted to adjourn at 1:36pm. .**

**Respectfully Submitted,**

**Genevieve Rodrigues**